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IATS 2003

The **FAA Academy** is proud to announce that it will once again host the **International Aviation Training Symposium (IATS)**.

IATS 2003 will take place from September 29 through October 2, 2003, at the Cox Business Services Center in downtown Oklahoma City. This unique event will continue the tradition of offering a forum where government and industry aviation officials from around the world can meet and exchange ideas, experiences, and valuable information on international training and development.

“Setting the Standard for Global Aviation Training” will be this year’s theme. The symposium is designed to encourage discussion of important safety, security, and training initiatives while providing information on funding strategies, cost-effective training and human resource management. International aviation experts in the areas of technology, training, and academia, as well as international organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), will offer stimulating presentations and workshops to address today’s challenges in aviation training.



International Aviation Training Symposium 2003

Host: **FAA Academy**
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Participants will include Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities and other government aviation officials from the international community. Industry and academia will be represented with approximately 50 aviation-related technology and academic exhibits to be showcased throughout the event. Come join us as this is expected to be the best IATS yet!

More information on the IATS 2003, including the initial public announcement, general information, updates, delegate enrollment forms, and internet e-mail link for comments, can be found at the IATS web site: www.iats.jccbi.gov.

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Special points of interest:

- * IATS 2003
- * SSFA Assessments
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*The 2003 FAA International
Training catalog is currently under
development and will be available
soon on CD-ROM.*

(limited printed copies available)

Improving Your Air Traffic Control Program

The International Air Traffic Training program is designed to help countries improve their air traffic control program. The training program can help with training from controller fundamentals to advanced management theory. One consistent question we get is, "Can you change the dates for the desired training courses?" Answer – Yes. The schedule that is published is only a proposed schedule and any country desiring training should feel free to contact us on changing the schedule or conducting a special course for them. We have a great amount of flexibility on most courses and will make any changes we can to accommodate a country's need for training.

Expanding the courses available to the international community is a continuing goal of the Air Traffic Training Program. By midyear of 2003 we will have new courses for countries interested in CNS/ATM (Communication, Navigation and Surveillance/Air

Traffic Management) and Quality Assurance. These two courses are in the final stages of development and will be offered as needed. The courses can be attended at the Academy or taught in-country.



We realize that each country will have different needs. The academy is ready to assist any country in helping to determine what training will help them improve their Air Traffic program. It is as easy as writing or calling us and establishing a base line of where you are and where you want to go with your program. Any country or representative should feel free to contact us at either Tim.Schroeder@faa.gov or Doug.Andresen@faa.gov.

A Message From the ITD Manager



It's hard to believe, but another year has gone by and I am excited to share with you our first newsletter for calendar year 2003! On one perspective, the past year has brought us new fortunes and opportunities. On the other hand, the unfortunate event of September 11th has hindered the progress in some areas of our International aviation training.

Nevertheless, the ITD staff is ready and willing to work towards a successful year filled with new training

opportunities. As you can see from the other parts of the newsletter, many training events including our 2003

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International Aviation Training Symposium are on the horizon! Please take time to fully enjoy our website and the latest class schedule

available. If you have any questions, comments or how I can be of service to you, please let me know.

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Safe Skies for Africa (SSFA) Website



interested parties. Participation is welcome to anyone with an interest in African aviation safety.

A new website dedicated to the Safe Skies for Africa (SSFA) initiative was recently established. Its primary purpose is to promote cooperation and communication through a network of shared resources among

The SSFA website offers an opportunity to access articles, participate in on-line discussions, or request training related materials. "Calendar of events" and "related links" pages are available to announce future events and identify related aviation resources. You can sign up as a member to receive additional privileges. The Safe Skies For Africa (SSFA) website can be accessed at the following address: www.ssfa.net.

ITD - CMD Partnership Forming for Management Training

The International Training Division (ITD), and the Center for Management Development (CMD) in Palm Coast, Florida, are collaborating on a project to bring management training to the International community. Two new training initiatives have been identified through recent Safe Skies for Africa (SSFA) assessments, identifying a need for specific first level and advanced management training. These two new initiatives will be loosely based on existing ITD and CMD courses, with additional management and technical training provided by the subject matter experts from both facilities. Instruction is expected to be

given by members of both staffs, with the training taking place primarily in Palm Coast. ITD welcomes the opportunity to partner with CMD on this project, and the expectations are to have these two new courses available to our world wide participant base by the end of this year.



International Aviation Security Training is on the Rise

The demand for international aviation security training is starting to increase. As a result, the International Training Division and the newly formed Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Regulatory Training Division are working together to meet the pending workload.



In FY 2003, several security courses are scheduled to be conducted throughout Africa in support of the Safe Skies for Africa initiative. The FAA Academy is facilitating the delivery of security training through use of TSA instructors. Baggage screening equipment is currently being delivered to several African countries

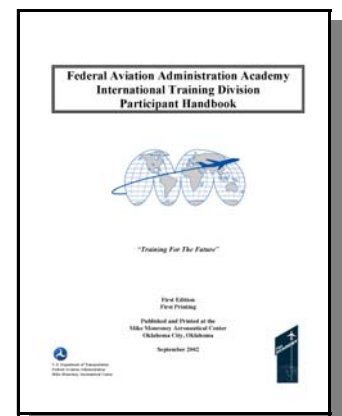
and the Academy is facilitating instruction on the new equipment. Nigeria has already completed their initial training. Other countries will begin receiving their equipment

shortly with training scheduled in FY 2003. In addition, we have received several training requests and plan to have a full training load for the next year.

TSA also developed a new security course specifically designed for security screeners. Course 72104, Basic Security Training, is designed to enhance aviation security screener skills in detecting threat items using x-ray machines, metal detection portals, physical search techniques, and explosive trace detection technologies.

New ITD Participant Handbook

We have a new addition to the ITD welcome orientation. *FAA Academy International Training Division Participant Handbook*. This handbook is intended to serve as an introduction to the Aeronautical Center and provide participants with information regarding their visit to Oklahoma City and the FAA Academy. Topics include information on Aeronautical Center services, transportation, parking, housing, and general information. For your convenience, we also included maps, conversion tables, calling card information, and important telephone numbers. Each participant attending training at the Academy will receive a copy of this handbook on the first day of training. Whether you are a new participant or one that has been here before, you will surely find this handbook a great reference source.



SSFA Training Needs/Facility Assessments

As of December 18, 2002, the FAA Academy completed three separate training facility/training needs assessments in nine countries.

In December 2001, the FAA Academy conducted training facility assessments for the East African Cooperative group of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania and their respective aviation training schools. The team reviewed and evaluated aviation related training capabilities of each country to establish regional aviation training centers. As a result, the FAA Academy developed a new International Instructor Training course and six instructors from Kenya and Tanzania attended the course in December 2002.

In September 2002, training facility and training needs assessment were conducted for the countries of Angola (CELICA in Bamako), and Mali (Center of Aeronautical Instruction – CAI in Luanda). The team also visited Niger (School of Meteorology and Civil Aviation – EAMAC in Niamey), because of the supportive relationship among several countries in Africa. ASECNA plays a major role in the training efforts

taking place in several of the African countries. Through research and coordination, the FAA Academy is in the process of making available the English Language Proficiency training to SSFA countries. It is anticipated that the training will be available 4th quarter FY-03.

In December 2002, the FAA conducted an assessment in Cameroon, Namibia, and Cape Verde. The five-member team reviewed and evaluated aviation related training capabilities of these countries as part of the Safe Skies initiative.

The capability to establish regional training centers was a focus of the assessment.



Course Program Changes



The TRAINAIR Government aviation safety training program formerly supported by the FAA Academy has transferred to another organization. The courses under this program included 23000, 23001, 23002, and 23003. These courses are now administered by the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI).

For information on these courses, please contact Gail Williams at (405) 954-5976. Email: gail.williams@faa.gov. Enrollments are still coordinated by the Office of International Aviation. To request enrollment in a course, please contact the International Training Program Specialist (AIA-400), by fax at 202-267-7172, or by email at: 9-awa-aia-intl-training@faa.gov.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation and Aviation Safety training programs conducted at the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) are no longer coordinated through the FAA Academy. The effected courses conducted by TSI include, but are not limited to: 00003, 00007, 00008, 00035, 00051, 00054, 00060, 000379, and 000498. For information concerning these courses please contact TSI at telephone (405) 954-3614, Fax (405) 954-3431 or visit the TSI website at www.tsi.dot.gov.



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ITD Fiscal Year Summary

The ITD completed a successful year of training for international participants in FY-02. Thanks to the Office of International Aviation (AIA) management, the desk officers, and field representatives who played an important role in our continued success.

	Dedicated Classes	Quota	Countries
Dedicated Resident Classes	21	326	64
In-Country Training		172	5
Training Assessments/Activities			6

Douglas McBride Retires



Douglas McBride

Douglas R. McBride, Program Manager for Flight Standards in the International Training Division (ITD), retired June 29, 2002, after 34 years and 8 months of Federal service.

Doug's diverse background, in-depth knowledge and natural ability helped him provide invaluable instruction to employees from all over FAA and to numerous

International students. He will definitely be missed. Doug was an original team member on the International Training Team and played a key role in making the program a true success. After serving as an Academy instructor, Doug became the original Regulatory Standards Program Manager on the International Training Team in 1998 and helped develop this new, franchised, self-managed team dedicated to training the International community into the International Training Division that we have today.

ITD Staff Changes

The International Training Division (ITD) lost and gained two Program Managers in the last few months. Doug McBride, Flight Standards Program Manager, retired in June 2002 after 34 years of Federal service. Mary Nelson, Airway Facilities Program Manager, who joined us in March of 2002, left in November to join the Resource Management Program's Training Division, AFZ-100, on a two-year promotion. We are sorry to lose both of these talented people but wish them well in their life's pursuits.



Mary Nelson

Joining us on temporary assignments were Stan Solo and Peter Cappadona. Stan came to us from the Terminal Radar Branch (AMA-450) at the Academy. He took over Mary Nelson's duties as Airway Facilities Program Manager on a 60-day detail that has



Stan Solo

recently ended. Stan instructed and was the course manager for the ASR-9 Terminal Radar Course. He has been with the FAA for 26 years. Peter came to us from the Aviation Automation Branch (AMA-240) at the Academy. He assumed the duties as regulatory standards program manager on a 90-day detail that has recently ended. Pete has a background as an aviation safety operations inspector.



Pete Cappadona

An additional member was added to the ITD team in November 2002 when Theresa White joined us to help plan and coordinate the upcoming International Aviation Training Symposium (IATS) 2003 (*see page 1*). Theresa will work with other members of the Academy IATS coordination team.



Theresa White

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About the Academy

The FAA Academy has provided technical training internationally to international participants for over 50 years. Our cutting-edge technology and high standards in excellence



enable international participants to operate and maintain the most complex airspace systems in the world. Over 11,500 international participants have completed training since 1946.

New Courses in FY 2003

Course 50000, Communications, Navigation, Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM).

Course 50052, Air Traffic Quality Assurance Program - International

Recent Events

Six participants from Korea attended Course 50049, On-the-Job Instructor Training, from October 2-8, 2002.

Four participants from Tunisia attended course 50036, Radar Approach Control for Internationals, from July 8-August 9, 2002.

Three participants from Korea attended course 50039, Radar Approach Control Academics for Internationals, from July 8-19, 2002.

SSFA countries Angola, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Kenya and Mali participated in Course 50047, Basic International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Procedures for Air Navigation Services-Operations (PAN-OPS), at the Academy from May 13-June 21, 2002. Also attending were participants from Austria and Tanzania.

Participants from Indonesia, Ecuador, Botswana and Dominican Republic completed course 21029, Operations Inspector International, on April 12, 2002.

Course 43850, Establishing a Maintenance Personnel Certification Program, was conducted for Madrid, Spain from Oct 14-18, 2002. This course was also conducted at the FAA Academy for 6 participants from Chili and one from Malaysia.